

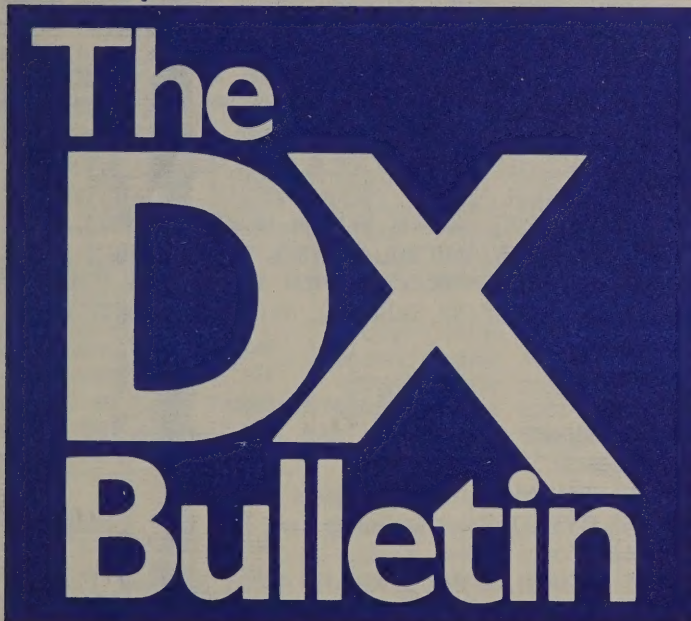
Togo - 5V Roy Hengst DL7UBA and Lars Mahling

DL7ALM will operate as 5V7IIR and 5V7ML respectively June 3-18 on CW and SSB on all bands, including 160 meters. Sunrise 0545Z; sunset 1807Z. QSL via home addresses: 5V7HR, Fuststr. 6, 12459 Berlin, Germany; and 5V7ML, Rapstedter Weg 34, 12305 Berlin, Germany. (DXMB.)

Comoros - D6 Mirko DL6ET, Maike DL4XS, and Dieter

DL3KDV plan a two-week operation from the Comoros Islands beginning Aug. 22. They plan two stations on all bands and modes, including digital modes. Emphasis will be on the low bands. They hope for a short side trip to Mayotte FH during their stay, depending on transportation. QSL direct or via the DARC (German) bureau to Maike Stargardt DL4XS, Friedrichsthal 21, 51688 Wipperfuerth, Germany.

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5A1A Operations Approved

On May 14, 1996, the DXCC desk at ARRL Headquarters approved the documentation for the various 5A1A operations, including both the Ukrainian DXpedition and the native operators. Those DXers who have already sent their QSL cards will get a response as the Ukrainian operators tackle the QSL backlog. Those DXers who waited for DXCC approval before sending their cards should QSL direct to Anatoly Kirilenko, P. O. Box 494/3, Kiev 151, 252151, Ukraine. Don't put all callsigns on the envelopes. Donations toward the high cost of this operation may be sent to Dan Whitsett W4BRE, with checks made out to the 5A1A DXpedition. Dan will forward all funds to Toly. The operations by the natives should be confirmed as directed by the Libyan operators.

Shortly Noted

- VK9CT is the callsign of the current Cocos-Keeling operation by VK4FW and others. The five-member team will be looking for grayline contacts at their sunset, around 1110Z. A new QSL route has been announced: Oceanic DX group, P. O. Box 929, Gympie 4507, Queensland, Australia.
- HB0/F6HKA, HB0/F1PNA, and HB0/F6ELE will operate from Liechtenstein July 13-19 on 160-10 meters; QSL home calls.
- VU2JBS is Jim Smith VK9NS's Indian callsign, which includes permission to operate from the Andamans, valid until the year 2000.
- 9J2DI is the requested callsign of Hank KN6DI, for a one-to-three month assignment in Zambia, beginning around June 1. QSL via AA6BB. (DXNS.)
- SV5/SM7DAY/p will be active from Telendos, Kalymnos, and Leros Islands (EU-001) May 25-June 14, especially on 12- and 17-meter CW. QSL home call. (Japan DX News.)
- SV5/DL8SET will operate from Rhodes (EU-001) June 6-20 on 20-6 meters, including the new bands, on SSB and CW. QSL home call. (DXMB.)
- 9N1ARB and 9N1RHM are often on 20-meter SSB near 14200 kHz at 0100Z. QSL both operators via Brad KV5V, who will visit Dick and Rich in late June and plans some CW operation.
- ZS8IR on Marion Island made his first stateside QSO with Sandy WA6BXH on 14185 kHz at 0710Z on May 18. Chris runs full power into two rhombic antennas. QSL via ZS6EZ.
- DX Nets: 14226.5 kHz: YB3OSE VR2KM V85GA JD1/7J6CAT.

Reserve Your Island - WPX CW

- TK/DK7YY is active from Corsica until May 30, including an entry in the WPX CW contest. Outside the contest, look for Falk on the new bands. QSL via his former callsign: DL7UTA. (DXMB.)

Islands On The Air

- EJ7NET will be operated from Great Blasket Island (EU-007) June 7-10, on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, and digital modes, by members of the WestNet DX group, joined by the Saltee Dog Group. QSL via EI6FR.
- GM5VG/p is the possible callsign of a Scottish team aiming for Monach Island (EU-111) in early June. QSL direct or via the RSGB bureau to GM3UTQ.
- ED7SPI will be active from Sancti Petri Island (EU-143) June 8-9; QSL via EA7PY.
- CO4OTA will be operated by Luis CT1ESO from Los Canarreos Archipelago (NA-056) June 7-9. Luis will use a Kenwood TS-850s; watch the IOTA CW frequencies: 3530, 7025, 10115, 14040, 18098, 21040, 24920, and 28040 kHz. QSL home call.
- CT8FMX/p may be active from Pessegueiro Island (EU-167) May 26th, depending on weather. QSL operator Jorge Santos CT1FMX, P. O. Box 189, Torres Vedras, Portugal.

Propagation

Forecast and Historical Data

Day Forecast	27 Days Before	55 Days Before
May, 1996	Date Flux A K	Date Flux A K
24 High Normal	4/27 68 07/07 3	3/30 70 06/06 2
25 High Normal	4/28 67 04/05 1	3/31 70 04/06 1
26 High Normal	4/29 68 05/05 2	4/1 68 10/08 1
27 High Normal	4/30 68 05/06 1	4/2 71 02/03 1
28 High Normal	5/1 67 09/08 3	4/3 71 06/04 2
29 High Normal	5/2 67 06/08 0	4/4 70 09/11 2
30 High Normal	5/3 68 07/05 1	4/5 70 04/05 1
31 High Normal	5/4 69 06/10 2	4/6 69 04/03 1
June, 1996		
1 High Normal	5/5 70 06/07 2	4/7 68 01/03 0
2 High Normal	5/6 74 04/06 1	4/8 68 03/04 0
3 High Normal	5/7 74 06/06 2	4/9 69 11/10 2
4 High Normal	5/8 76 08/08 2	4/10 69 08/07 2
5 High Normal	5/9 76 04/06 1	4/11 68 08/07 1
6 High Normal	5/10 77 06/06 2	4/12 68 20/24 2
7 High Normal	5/11 76 05/05 1	4/13 69 07/09 2
8 High Normal	5/12 73 04/06 2	4/14 69 21/27 3
9 Low Normal	5/13 72 15/14 3	4/15 68 16/18 2

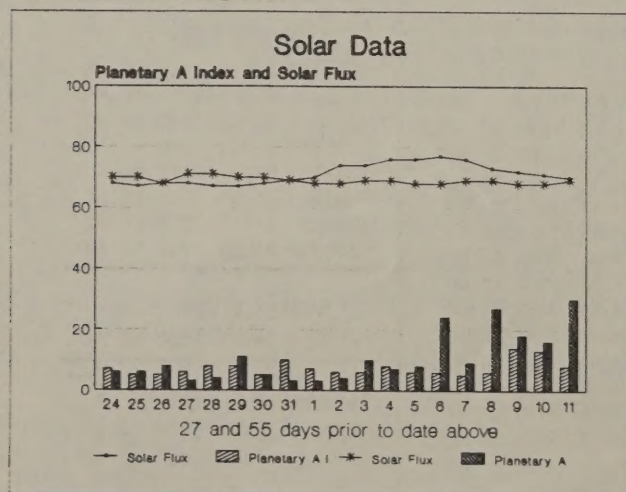
Propagation

The propagation forecast for the next two weeks is for as good as it is going to get at the bottom of the sunspot cycle. We expect a slight increase in solar flux coupled with a quiet geomagnetic field. The result should be good for DXing.

While the expected increase in solar flux isn't likely to be enough to make much difference on the higher bands, it should increase signal-to-noise ratios on 20, 30, and 40 meters, and provide some useful 17-meter openings. The expected quiet geomagnetic field should improve conditions on long and high-latitude paths.

The low bands should also support some DXing, as the quiet geomagnetic field should reduce absorption. While the lengthening day in the northern hemisphere cuts into low-band DXing at this time of year, 80 and 40 meters are worth checking over the next two weeks.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the sun remains essentially spotless, and is expected to remain so for the next few months. If you haven't already done so, this would be a great time to put up antennas for 30 and 17 meters. Good hunting!



Mount Athos

The DX Advisory Committee recently voted on changing the DXCC country status of Mount Athos. The vote was nine to seven against making any such change. The ARRL Awards Committee agreed unanimously to support this recommendation. Since the DXAC and Awards committee are in agreement, there will be no change in the DXCC status of Mount Athos.

At the same time, the DXAC voted on changes to the wording of the new "minimum size" country criterion. The results of that vote and any Awards Committee action has not yet been released.

QSLs Received

■ From managers: **9M2JJ** (SM0OEK, 5 WKS); **9U/EA1FH** (EA1FFC, 5 WKS); **A61AD** (WB2DND, 1 MO); **C56CW** (DL7URH, 2 MOS); **C56CW** (DL7DF, 7 WKS); **EM1KA** (9H3UP, 4 MOS); **OJ0/OH8AA** (OH6LI, 11 MOS); **R1FJZ** (DF7RX, 1 MO); **TJ1JB** (WA6SLO, 5 WKS); **Z32XA** (KM6ON, 7 WKS).
 ■ Direct: **JT1AT** (1 MO); **SP2FAX** (2 MOS); **VK4FW/P** (3 WKS); **YI1ZN** (2 MOS).

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QSL Information

■ QSL **5R8ET** direct to Box 3499, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar.
 ■ QSL **TJ1TN** to Box 642, Allison IA 50602.
 ■ QSL **BV5GQ** direct to Jimmy Lou, Box 1031, Changhu, Taiwan.
 ■ QSL **9M8IIL** to Box 2295, Miri 98008, Sarawak, East Malaysia.
 ■ QSL **YI1ZN** direct to Dr. Ahmed A. Razad, P. O. Box 55072, Baghdad, Iraq.
 ■ QSL **ER9V** via the Moldova bureau: P. O. Box 6637, Kishinev, Moldova, Europe.
 ■ QSL **CO1OTA** and **CO4OTA** via Luis CT1ESO.
 ■ QSL **5R8EN** and **5N8EN/p** via Jean Michel F6AJA.
 ■ QSL **9Q5PAU** direct to Frank Patris, c/o American Embassy Kinshasa, Unit 31550, APO AE 09818. (An incorrect postal code appeared in a previous issue.)
 ■ QSL the recent **TI9X** operation via Yoosuke Uchiyama JH1NBN, 924-4 Yokokawa-Cho, Hachioji, Tokyo 193, Japan, with a large return envelope.
 ■ The **YB3OSE** cards for contacts through March, 1996, are in the mail from QSL manager W7TSQ.
 ■ QSL **ZF2VW** and **V31VW** via W7WY.
 QSL **ZF2WY** and **V31WI** via the Vancouver Mountain Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 1622, Vancouver WA 98668.

B • A • N • D • P • A • S • S

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet.
All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Digimodes

4L1BR	14077	2015	11	OH
4L8A	14088	2034	9	MN
4X6UO	14083	1228	3	MN
5H3LM	14083	1854	2	MN
CN8GB	14086	2335	6	MN
EA8AHB	14087	2353	14	FL
EA9JZ	14081	2047	13	MN
ES7FQ	14082	1452	9	MN
FO5OP	14080	0107	6	MN
ISØYWA	14084	1741	6	MN
ISØYWA	14085	2200	8	OH
RK9CWA	14088	1347	9	MN
S92JR	14082	2035	13	MO
T9/OI6XY	14087	2028	8	MN
TR8DF	14084	1523	9	MN
UA2AO	14087	1115	7	OH
UN5PR	14083	0115	9	OH
UR5EDU	14086	2140	10	MN
XT2DP	14083	2036	8	MN
YL2DX	14082	1550	12	OH
YL2DX	14090	2150	8	OH
ZP6CC	14083	0203	12	FL

80 Meters

CX4NF	3510	0830	13	NH
EM1U	3501	0605	12	MT
HAØHW	3506	0238	14	NH
JH1OGC	3507	0940	12	NH
LU2BRG	3504	0815	12	NH
PT7AQ	3505	0304	12	MA
ZL4IE	3503	1000	14	NH

75 Meters

8R1AK	3795	0932	8	AR
A92BE	3799	0114	8	VA
PJ2MI	3791	0935	9	AR

40 Meters

8R1J	7008	0922	13	FL
9A2AJ	7005	0340	11	NH
9A3UF	7002	0332	13	SC
A53MN	7001	0903	7	CA
CP6IB	7007	0255	13	SC
EM1U	7007	0955	15	MO
FK8GJ	7006	1000	16	MO
FK8HC	7002	0630	11	MT
HK7/	7001	0330	11	NH
SM5HV				
OY1CT	7003	0140	12	MO
PZ1DY	7003	0924	11	FL
S51BO	7009	0430	4	IL
T99W	7011	0517	5	IL
TA2IJ	7001	0217	14	FL
TF3GD	7008	2213	14	NH
VKØWH	7009	1023	6	NB
VK6WT	7005	1155	14	IA
VQ9DX	7008	0119	16	FL

30 Meters

3B8CF	10108	0327	13	CA
3B8FG	10102	0305	12	SC
5B4OG	10120	0155	13	MO
5NØMVE	10104	2127	5	NY
9A3LE	10127	2220	13	NH
9K2/	10101	0315	9	SC
YO9HP	10100	2209	11	NH
BV7FC	10102	1035	16	MO
CT3FN	10102	2000	11	NH
EA8AB	10103	2200	13	NH
EA8CN	10103	2047	12	MN
EA9PB	10101	2328	7	SC
EM1U	10111	0344	10	SC
EM1U	10101	1140	12	MO
ES1QD	10114	2132	17	FL
ES1WN	10109	2050	11	NH
FK8GJ	10101	0555	9	CA
JW5NM	10101	0535	11	MT
R1FJZ	10100	0322	12	NH
SV8JE	10105	0405	9	SC
TA1AN	10101	2314	12	FL
TA1AW	10101	2250	13	NH
TA2BK	10100	2057	11	NH
UA9AJ	10106	0334	9	SC
UT2XD	10110	0018	11	VA
UT5UDX	10100	0347	13	NH
V31ML	10109	2325	7	SC
VI9NS	10100	1223	11	FL
VO2CW	10105	1002	11	FL
XU6WV	10103	1645	11	CA
YO7BSN	10100	2054	11	NH
YS1ZRB	10104	0000	15	FL
ZL4WA	10102	1222	7	MN

20 Meter CW

3W5RS	14016	1304	11	FL
4J3M	14002	0330	11	MT
4J3M	14001	1930	7	MI
4K8F	14008	0250	10	SC
4L1ZG	14014	0430	11	ID
5N3/	14028	2150	12	GA
SP5XAR				
9K2KF	14032	2259	15	FL
9K2MU	14007	0036	7	MI
BV7WB	14012	1330	11	MO
BZ4RBX	14004	1413	10	MT
CT3FT	14029	1652	8	NY
DSSURN	14010	1445	10	ID
EA8ALP	14027	2249	13	FL
EA8AT	14010	0934	11	FL
EA8CN	14028	2242	8	GA
EO9J	14010	2225	2	MI
ER1CW	14035	2148	12	FL
EW6WF	14006	2058	12	CA
EXØV	14001	1353	10	MT
EX8DX	14021	0209	5	NC
EX8M	14040	0322	11	MT
HL1CG	14015	1217	11	FL
HSØZAA	14019	1500	10	ID
OY1CT	14028	1150	7	GA
R1FJZ	14009	0222	10	SC

R1FJZ	14008	1218	11	FL
RA2FBC	14007	2159	12	FL
RKØST	1402	0033	7	MI
RVØAM	14031	0107	5	AZ
RWØLL	1401	2240	8	MI
RZ6FA	14010	2105	12	CA
S51NP	14025	0055	4	NY
S52CI	14032	1815	5	NY
S55A	14011	1820	12	CA
T92A	14012	2143	12	CA
TA2ZP	14047	2211	9	NY
UAØBAJ	14020	0332	10	SC
UAØBAJ	14004	1400	9	MI
UAØFIR	14006	1234	10	NC
UAØSBQ	14014	1235	3	MI
UAØYM	14007	1412	13	MN
UA2FBA	14015	2233	15	FL
UA9UJ	14027	0244	7	CA
UK8GK	14021	2154	12	FL
UNØG	14025	0140	12	FL
UN7QF	14028	0113	11	GA
UN8PY	14017	0232	10	SC
VP8CN	14011	1515	4	NC
VQ9DX	14025	1400	10	ID
VU2AVG	14021	0120	13	IA
YB7AQD	14025	0044	17	FL
YS1ZV	14006	0056	16	FL
YS2HZO	14031	2258	15	FL
ZA1AJ	14030	2217	8	NY
ZA1AM	14005	2245	13	FL

20 Meter SSB

3A2HB	14206	2133	9	PA
3A2MD	14218	2125	15	WI
4S7AVG	14190	1510	10	MT
5X1C	14240	2128	6	PA
8R1WD	14258	1218	11	PA
9K2HN	14195	2252	10	MT
9K2MU	14214	1409	27	MD
9N1ARB	14208	0123	1	MD
9N1RHM	14208	0106	1	MD
9N1RHM	14210	1525	10	MT
A61AN	14255	2040	6	MD
A71A	14200	1921	8	MD
BV2KI	14263	1158	10	PA
BV4FH	14186	1225	4	MD
BV4MU	14186	1240	4	MD
BV4OQ	14180	1158	8	PA
BV5GQ	14181	1300	29	MD
BV7GA	14215	1258	1	MD
BV8BC	14200	1243	6	NC
BV9GA	14218	1602	10	MT
C21RK	14244	1208	10	MD
DU1KT	14185	1145	8	PA
E21CJN	14195	1431	10	PA
HP1XBH	14191	0028	5	MD
HV4NAC	14203	2334	10	MT
OD5NH	14168	0452	3	CA
OD5RZ	14192	1911	8	MD
R1FJZ	14195	1311	28	MD
RA9JAE	14223	0507	3	CA
TA1FA	14201	2119	8	AR
TJ1TN	14208	2228	26	MD
UA3CT	14204	0407	2	CA

VP8BPZ	14195	1751	4	MD
VQ9DX	14173	1555	10	CO
VR2KM	14183	1304	9	PA
VR6BD	14234	0321	8	MD
VU2AXA/P	14183	1222	10	MD
Antarctica				
VU2DK	14211	1445	9	PA
VU2MY	14195	1500	10	MT
XU6WV	14191	1236	27	MD
XX9GD	14183	1426	10	PA
YB1KGR	14183	1300	10	PA

17 Meter CW

5N3/	18082	1452	4	VA
SP5XAR				
7Z5OO	18069	1540	9	SC
9Q5MRC	18087	2026	12	MN
EA8CN	18075	2143	11	FL
ISØLYN	18071	1610	9	SC
J28JA	18082	1607	9	SC
VP2VE	18135	2049	7	AR

17 Meter SSB

4X4MU	18130	2004	12	VA
9G1YR	18150	1524	4	VA
C53HG	18151	1931	4	VA
EA8BYR	18118	1436	12	VA
FG5HR	18132	1431	11	CA
FS5PL	18118	1434	12	VA
GIØKOW	18130	2352	15	VA
HZ1AB	18146	1821	6	VA
LU2NI	18133	1457	12	VA
PJ2AM	18130	1108	12	VA
RU3AT	18150	1128	12	VA
S79MAD	18125	1920	8	MI
YL1ZD	18152	1454	11	VA
Z21CS	18149	1705	4	AR
ZP6SC	18133	1511	12	VA

15 Meter CW

C53HG	21016	2142	9	MN
EA8ALP	21025	2112	12	SC
HJØVGJ	21029	2207	9	NY
TU5FP	21020	2103	12	SC

15 Meter SSB

9GØARS	21213	1615	15	IA
9G1BJ	21311	2020	12	MD
9Q5TR	21355	1815	10	MD
CT1CKP	21305	1900	4	NY
FY5GF	21221	1950	12	MD
FY5GS	21283	2100	19	IA
HC2NWI	21237	2305	11	AZ
PU5DX	21295	1716	12	MD

12 Meter CW

VV4YC	24897	2139	12	AL
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10 Meter SSB

CX8CP	28495	2118	10	VA
LU4FPZ	28488	2125	10	NC

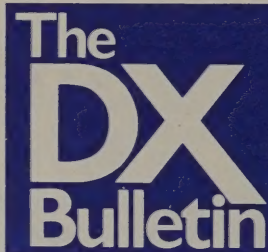
Current and Future DXpeditions

(Changes and hot info in boldface.)

<u>DXCC Country</u>	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Aland Islands	OH0	OH0JWH/L+	June 7-14	I839
Ascension Island	ZD8	ZD8DEZ	May-Dec.	I835
Bahamas	C6	C6AGN	May 1-June 12	I837
		C6AFR+	June 8-14	I838
		C6AIE	June 7-17	I838
Bermuda	VP9	N1LJA/	June 9-15	I833
Cayman Islands	ZF	ZF2PA	May 19-25	I837
Central Africa	TL	TL8ED	May	I837
Chagos	VQ	VQ9DX	to June	I827
Christmas Island	VK9	VK9GA	May 23-27	I839
Cocos-Keeling	VK9	VK9CT	May 18-Jun. 1	I835/40
Comoros	D6	DLs	Aug. 22-Sept. 5	I840
Corsica	TK	/DK7YY	to May 30	I840
Crozet	FT	FT5WF	7003 1400Z	I835
Dodecanese	SV5	/SM7DAY	May 25-Jun. 14	I840
	SV5	DL8SET	June 6-20	I840
Fiji	3D	3D2JA	May 28-30	I839
French Polynesia	FO	FO5PO/VO	to May 31	I839
Gambia	C56	/KC4YDP	now active	I836
Georgia	4L	TBA	6 Meters	I839
Guernsey	GU	/DLs	May 18-25	I836
Isle of Man	GU	/PA3GIO	July 5-17	I838
Jamaica	6Y5	PA3ERL/	June 13-29	I838
Jan Mayen	JX	JX7DFA	now active	I837
Lebanon	OD/	F5PWJ	to Sept.	I834
Liechtenstein	HB0	Fs	July 13-19	I840
Macquarie	VK0	VK0WH	7009 07Z+	I836
Madagascar	5R	5R8EN	7057 1415Z	I832
Malta	9H	9H3TY/Z	May 17-31	I831
		9H3II	May 22-Jun. 21	I837
Mali	TZ	TZ6VV	10109 2200Z	I837
Marion Island	ZS	ZS8IR	14185 0710Z	I840
Micronesia	V6	V63JZ	May 25-28	I838
Minami Torishima		JG8NQJ/JD1	30M	I837
Nepal	9N	9N1KY	now active	I838
		9N1RHM	14208/226 0130Z	I839
Niue	ZK2	ZK2YY	June 1-4	I839
Reunion Island	FR	/DL1VJ	May 17-June 7	I838
Romania	YO	/F6AJA	May 20-25	I839
Sable Island	CY0	WA4DAN+/	Oct. 1-8	I834
		CY0AA	June 18-July 2	I838
Senegal	6W	N2WCQ/+	May 15-June 6	I839
Togo	5V	5V7ML/HR	June 3-18	I840
Tonga	A3	A35IG	May 30-June 1	I839
Tunisia	3V	3V8BB	May 23-30	I836
Willis Island	VK9	VK9WG	to Dec.	I835
Zambia	9J	9J2DI?	June-Aug.	I840

Resident Amateurs on Regularly

<u>DXCC Country</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>UTC</u>
Antarctica	EM1U	3501	0600Z+
Azerbaijan	4J3M	14010±	19-2100Z
Cambodia	XU6WV	14193	1230-1430Z
Canary Islands	EA8BYR	17M SSB	1500Z
Canary Islands	EA8CN	10103	2100Z+
Canary Islands	EA8CN	14022±	2245Z
Franz Josef Land	R1FJZ	14005±	12-1600Z
Gambia	C53HG	18147±	1930Z+
Hong Kong	VR2KM	14200±	1300Z
Macquarie Island	VK0WH	7009	1030Z
Madeira Islands	CT3FT	10102	2000Z+
Mauritius Island	3B8CF	10107	0330Z
Nepal	9N1ARB	14208	0100Z Wed.



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Nepal	9N1RHM	14210±	0100Z+
New Caledonia	FK8HC	7004±	0630Z+
San Andrés	HJ0VGJ	21029	2200Z
Vietnam	3W5RS	14016	1300Z

DX Operating Events and DX Gatherings

May 25-26	WPX CW Contest
July 1	RAC Canada Day Contest
July 13-14	IARU HF/WRTC '96
July 19-21	Northwestern DX Convention
Aug. 30-31	New Orleans DX Convention
Sept. 7	W9DXCC Convention